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**PETITIONER’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR 30-DAY EXTENSION TO FILE OPENING BRIEF**

Petitioner John Smith, through undersigned counsel, respectfully requests an extension of an additional 30 days to file his opening brief. Counsel for Respondent, Melissa K. Lott, informed undersigned counsel that Respondent does not oppose the request. The opening brief is currently due February 26, 2019, and would be due March 28, 2019, with the extension. Counsel for Petitioner work in a firm of three attorneys, and one of the attorneys recently, and earlier than expected, went on maternity leave, significantly increasing the workload of undersigned counsel. As the issues on appeal are complex, this Court would benefit from a full and well-presented briefing.

Dated: February 20, 2019 Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 32(g), I certify that the foregoing:

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